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— of the —

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Coopers Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with

MT. HOPE CHURCH

High Rock, Orange County, North Carolina,

August 14, 15, and 16,

1954

Next Session convenes with Moore's Grove Church, to be held at Living Hope Church, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1955.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER CECIL ALSTON ..... Moderator
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Proceedings

OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COOPER'S GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED WITH MT. HOPE CHURCH, AND HELD AT HIGH ROCK, IN ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 14, 15, & 16, 1954

With Elder Cecil Alston presiding.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 5. Prayer by Elder H. E. Smith. Elder Alston then arose according to the report of the Committees of the 1953 session, sang hymn 490 and preached the Introductory sermon from St. John 1:6. Elder W. B. Enoch, alternate, text, Eph. 2:8. Hymn 383 was sung for closing. Intermission for one hour. Benediction by Elder C. L. Alston.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 82, prayer by Elder J. D. Stewart. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business. First in order was the choosing of the moderator and clerk. Motioned and agreed that Elder Cecil Alston be Moderator. Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch be Assistant Moderator. Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch be Association Clerk. Motioned and agreed that Brother Ervin Moore be Assistant Clerk. Motioned and agreed that the roll of churches be called.

Mt. Hope: Reported in love and peace.

Pilgrim Rest: Love and peace.

Living Hope: Love and peace.

Antioch: Door left opened.

Moore's Grove: Reported in love and peace.

Wright's Grove: Reported in love and peace.

Motioned and agreed to receive the reports of the churches. Motioned and agreed corresponding messengers be invited to form a part and feel welcome.

Motioned and agreed that the Rules of Decorum be read, the same was received.

Motioned and agreed to call for corresponding delegates.

Bethlehem: Elder J. H. Winston reported in love and peace; Next session to be held at Few in Number Church, seven miles from Tarboro, N. C.

Union Line: Brother Frank Gear reported in love and peace. Next session to be held with Low Level Church, one mile from Fountain, N. C.

Radicue: Elder G. W. Thorpe reported in love and peace. Next session at Mt. Zion Church, Tarboro, N. C.

The following elders were sent to the stand to preach for the people: Brother Frank Gear, Elder J. J. Adams, Elder Jessie Tucker, and Brother Richard Graves was sent to record the text. Elder J. J. Adams conducted the services.

Little River: Elder J. D. Stewart reported in love and peace. Next session at Union Hill Church, seven miles east of Raleigh, N. C.

Contentnea: Brother Earl Holt reported in love and peace. Next session at Bellamy Grove Church, Sharpsburg, N. C.

Sandy Ridge: Elder R. H. Martin reported in love and peace. Next session at Jefferson Street Church, Roanoke, Va.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Frank Penn reported in love and peace. Next

session at Piney Grove Church, Rocky Mt., Virginia.

Roanoke: Elder J. B. McLaughlin reported in love and peace. Next session at Blue Creek Church near Danville, Va.

Corresponding: Elder Charlie Powell reported in love and peace. Next session at Enes Church, Bethel, N. C.

Loving: Elder Amos H. Humphrey reported in love and peace. Next session at Hartsville Chapel Church, Jacksonville, N. C.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor reported in love and peace. Next session at Balcony Church, seven miles of Rocky Mt., Virginia.

Long Branch: Elder J. H. Dickens reported in love and peace. Next session at Logsboro Church, four and one half miles from Tarboro, N. C.

Mt. Zion: Elder T. E. Claytor reported in love and peace.

Motioned and agreed to open doors for new associations. Elder H. E. Smith from the Mt. Pleasant Association was taken up in correspondence by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of full fellowship. Next session at Bethel Church, Statesboro, Ga.

Motioned and agreed to appoint the Committee on Finance: Brethren Arthur Hightower, C. Lynch, Odie Blackwell, George Lea, and Robert Harden.

Motioned and agreed to appoint the Committee on Arrangements: Brethren George Harden, Clarence Compton, and Elder Cecil Alston.

Motioned and agreed that the conference adjourn until Monday at 10:00 a. m. The conference was closed by the singing of hymn 506. Benediction by Elder C. L. Alston.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 533. Elder Jessie Tucker offered prayer. Brother Frank Gear sang hymn 73, and peached, no special text. Elder Jessie Tucker sang hymn 3, text, Matt. 1:6. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 492, text, Isaiah 5:3. Elder J. H. Dickens sang hymn 73 and preached. Hymn 270 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder H. E. Smith.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 507. Prayer was offered by Elder James Barret. Elder P. S. Hairston, text, St. John 19. Elder R. H. Martin preached, no special text. Elder T. E. Claytor sang hymn 288, text, Matt. 25:10. Elder Frank Penn sang hymn and preached no special text. Elder Earl Holt, no special text. Hymn 345 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder James Barret.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 288. Prayer was offered by Elder R. H. Martin. Elder J. B. McLaughlin sang hymn 415, text John 17. Elder G. W. Thorpe sang hymn 689, text, Psalms 11:17. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 153, text, "Never man spake like this man spoke." Elder J. D. Stewart, text, John 1:3. Elder J. H. Dickens, text, John 15. Elder Charlie Powell sang hymn 379, text, Psalms 105:9. Closing hymn, 73. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 353. Prayer was offered by Elder T. E. Claytor. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 3, text Luke 15. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 145, text, Psalms 34:1. Elder

Robert Revis preached, no special text. Elder James Barret sang hymn 616 and preached, no special text. Sang for closing hymn, 695. Benediction by Elder H. E. Smith.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 288. Prayer was offered by Elder W. B. Enoch. Brother Irvin Moore preached, text, Psalms 127. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 161, text, Gen. 1:1. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 411, text, Isa. 33:20. Hymn 18 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

MONDAY MORNING, CONFERENCE.

The brethren re-assembled Monday morning according to adjournment. Service was called to order by Elder C. L. Alston, the Moderator, singing hymn 345. Prayer was offered by Elder C. L. Alston. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business.

Called for peace of the conference. All in love and peace.

Motioned and agreed to invite corresponding elders and brethren to seats with us, and to feel welcome.

Motioned and agreed to call roll of churches. All present.

Motioned and agreed to hear reports of section meeting. Report was made by Elder W. B. Enoch and Elder Cecil Alston, the same was received.

Motioned and agreed to hear reports of the second section. Report was made by Elder W. B. Enoch and Elder Cecil Alston, the same was received.

Motioned and agreed to hear the reading of the Circular Letter, the same was received.

Motioned and agreed to hear Saturday's proceedings; the same was received.

Motioned and agreed that the next session of the Cooper's Grove Association convene with Moore's Grove Church and be held at Living Hope Church in Alamance County on Highway No. 62, twelve miles north of Burlington, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1955.

Motioned and agreed that Elder Cecil Alston preach the Introductory Sermon. Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch be his alternate.

Motioned and agreed that the first section meeting convene with Living Hope Church, the second Saturday and Sunday in April, 1955.

Motioned and agreed that it be conducted by Elder W. C. Dancey and Brother Irvin Moore.

Motioned and agreed that the second section convene with Pilgrim Rest Church the third Saturday and Sunday in April, 1955, conducted by Elder W. C. Dancey and Brother Moore.

Motioned and agreed that Brother Robert Harden write the Circular Letter in 1955.

Motioned and agreed that the Finance Committee make their report. Reported as follows:

Mt. Hope	$ 31.00
Pilgrim Rest	50.00
Living Hope	6.00
Wright's Grove	3.00
Moore's Grove	15.00
Antioch	0.00

Churches	$105.00
Public	156.28
Total	$261.28
Paid out	192.00
Balance	$ 69.28

Motioned and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report. According to the committee's report, the Moderator appointed Elder J. J. Adams and Elder H .E. Smith to preach for the people Monday morning at the stand.

Motioned and agreed that we appoint messengers to the different associations with whom we correspond.

Bethlehem—Elder C. L. Alston, 1954.
Union Line—Brother Irvin Moore, 1954.
Radicue—Elder W. C. Dancey, 1954.
Loving—Elder C. L. Alston, 1954.
Little River—Brother Irvin Moore, 1954.
Corresponding—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1954.
Sandy Ridge—Brother Irvin Moore, 1954.
Roanoke—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1955.
Long Branch—Elder C. L. Alston, 1954.
Chestnut Knob—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1955.
Piedmont—Elder W. C. Dancey, 1954.
Contentnea—Elder W. C. Dancey, 1954.
Mt. Pleasant—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1954.

Motioned and agreed that Brother Arthur Hightower send letter and minutes to Mt. Zion Association. Motioned and agreed to have 350 copies of these minutes printed.

Motioned and agreed that the old treasurer make a report. The same was made and received.

Motioned and agreed that conference adjourn; hymn 618 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder C. L. Alston.

MONDAY AT THE STAND.

Service was called to order by singing hymn 47. Prayer was offered by Brother Richard Graves. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn, text, Psalms 139. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 616, text Psalms 122. The Moderator then arose and expressed his gratitude and thanks to the people, in regards to their keen interest and kind hospitality demonstrated by their taking care of the association. Hymn 506 was sung for the final closing. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS

Elders:

J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.
G. W. Thorpe, Box 7, Tarboro, N. C.
H. E. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 48, Rockey Ford, Ga.
J. H. Dickens, R.F.D. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
J. B. McLaughlin, Rt. 1, Blairs, Va.
Frank Penn, Rt. 1, Box 334, Bassett, Va.
R. H. Martin, C-80, Winston-Salem, N. C.
T. E. Claytor, Rt. 2, Box 14, Salem, Va.
Amos H. Humphrey, Rt. 3, Box 25, Jacksonville, N. C.
J. D. Stewart, P. O. Box 63, Coats, N. C.
Charlie Powell, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Earl Holt, Fremont, N. C.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

C. L. Alston, Route 2., Box 25, Burlington, N. C.
W. C. Dancey, P. O. Box 37, Garner, N. C.
W. B. Enoch, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.

LICENTIATES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Irvin Moore, Route 5, Box 349B, Burlington, N. C.

DEACONS AND ADDRESSES

Brethren:

C. Lynch, 2115 Byrd St., Greensboro, N. C.
Odie Blackwell, Rt. 3, Burlington, N. C.
Robert Harden, Rt. 2, Box 353A, Oxford, N. C.
George Harden, Rt. 2, Oxford, N. C.
James Corbett, Burlington, N. C.
Clarence Compton, Burlington, N. C.
Arthur Hightower, Rt. 1, Mebane, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Church and Brethren in Christ, I trust. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Done by order of conference.

Brother George S. Harden

DECEASED 1954

Brother John Wiley was born February 11, 1889; he departed this life February 24, 1954. He was a member of the Mt. Hope Church. He is gone but not forgotten.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe in the scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in original sin, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous eternal.

4. We believe God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

6. We believe that baptism. the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

7. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersion in water.

8. We believe that God chose His people in Christ before the world began.

9. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinance only as a regularly baptised, called, and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

10. We believe that none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

ELDER CECIL ALSTON, Moderator,
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Assistant Moderator,
BROTHER IRWIN MOORE, Assistant Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister Association without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member begins to raise confusion in the church whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such a member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or in any way violate rules of the church, and if they do, they shall be in the hands of the church and liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules and comes back to make a confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive such a member according to the gospel order.

6. Each church shall commune twice a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be within seven miles of each other if they can help it.

8. Any members who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and restriction of the church.

10. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons, if they possibly can.

11. Any church belonging to Cooper's Grove Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this Association, no brother or brethren shall take it up, neither any Association with whom we correspond.

12. The members of this Association shall pay Associational dues.

13. No member shall stand in the church and give word for word.

14. The minority must submit to the majority except on fellowshiping and appointing men to office, which must be unanimous.

15. Any minister who will get drunk shall not be allowed to administer the Lord's Supper, and not be allowed to preach.

16. Any member who will go to law with any matter before bringing it before the church must not be held in the church.

17. An Elder cannot hold an office of a bishop without good report of the church in and out of the church. As long as his conduct is good he may hold the office as long as he is chosen.

18. If there is anything a woman wishes to know she must ask her husband or a brother in the church.

19. No church that has a pastor shall make any new rules in the church unless he is present, or someone appointed by him.

20. There shall be no new rules made in the Association or for the Association to be ruled unless the Moderator is present or someone appointed by him.

21. Washing of the feet at all communions.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dismissed by Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Mt. Hope	Elder C. L. Alston	Brother C. Lynch	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	$31.00
Pilgrim Rest	Elder C. L. Alston	Odie Blackwell	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	50.00
Living Hope	Elder C. L. Alston	Arthur Hightower	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.00
Antioch			.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Moore's Grove	Elder C. L. Alston	Robert Harden	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	15.00
Wright's Grove	Elder W. B. Enoch	W. C. Dancey	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3.00
		Total		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105.00

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Minutes

— of the —

Twenty-Second Annual Session

— of the —

Cooper's Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

Living Hope Church

ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 20, 21, 22,

1955

Next session convenes with Pilgrim Rest Church, Glencoe Road, Burlington, N. C., beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1956.

OFFICERS

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ELDER W. B. ENOCH ..... Assistant Moderator
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BROTHER IRVIN MOORE ..... Assistant Clerk
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Proceedings

OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COOPER'S GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED WITH LIVING HOPE CHURCH, IN ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 1955

Elder Cecil Alston, Presiding

Service was called to order by singing hymn 73. Prayer by Elder E. J. Bateman. Elder Alston then arose according to the report of the 1954 session, sang hymn 490, and preached the Introductory Sermon, text, 90th Psalm. Elder W. B. Enoch, alternate, text, Eph. 2:8. Hymn 300 was sung for closing. Intermission for one hour. Benediction by H. E. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The brethren re-assembled, sang hymn 73. Prayer by Elder Paul Alston. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business. First in order was the choosing of Moderator and Clerk. Motioned and agreed Elder C. L. Alston be Moderator. Motioned and agreed Elder W. B. Enoch be Assistant Moderator. Motioned and agreed Brother C. Lynch be Clerk. Motioned and agreed Brother Irvin Moore be Assistant Clerk. Motioned and agreed call for peace of the conference. Met in peace and parted the same.

Motioned and agreed to invite our corresponding elders and brethren to seat with us and feel welcome.

Motioned and agreed that the roll of churches be called:

Mt. Hope: Reported in love and peace.

Pilgrim Rest: Reported in love and peace.

Living Hope: Reported in love and peace.

Antioch: Door left open.

Moore's Grove: Reported in love and peace.

Wright's Grove: Reported in love and peace.

Motioned and agreed to receive the report of the churches.

Motioned and agreed that the Decorum be read; the same received.

Motioned and agreed to call for corresponding delegates.

Bethlehem: Elder William Braswell reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session convenes with Willow Chapel Church at Sparta, North Carolina.

The following elders were sent to the stand to preach for the people: Elder Paul Alston to conduct, Elder Braswell, Elder J. D. Steward, Elder H. E. Smith, Brother Richard Graves to record the texts.

Radicue: Elder Warren Cooper reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session convenes with Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea reported in love and peace with a file of minutes. Next session with Princeton Church in Princeton, N.C.

Contentnea: No messenger.

Union Line: Elder David Bynum reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Union Grove Church, Wilson, N. C.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Samuel Hairston reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Tatum-Macedonia Church near Stuart, Virginia.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Hubert Martin reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes.

Roanoke: Elder H. A. Cole reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Hackberry Church near Chatham, Virginia.

Corresponding: No messenger.

Loving: Elder Amos H. Humphrey reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Hartsville Chapel Church near Richlands in Jacksonville, N. C.

Piedmont: Elder E. C. Claytor reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Rockfield Church.

Mt. Zion: No messengers.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Legget Chapel Church at Legget, North Carolina.

Mount Pleasant: Elder E. J. Bateman reported in love and peace with a file of Minutes. Next session with Promised Land Church, Montezuma, Georgia.

Motioned and agreed to appoint Finance Committee: Brothers Odie Blackwell, George Leathe, Robert Harden, George Harden.

Motioned and agreed to appoint Association Treasurer: Brother Arthur Hightower.

Motioned and agreed to appoint the Committee on Arrangements: Elder C. L. Alston, Brother Hubert Lynes, Brother Albert Curtiss.

Motioned and agreed conference adjourn. Sang hymn 506 for closing. Benediction by Elder E. J. Bateman.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE STAND.

Service was called to order by hymn 300; prayer by Elder H. E. Smith. Elder Paul Alston arose and preached. Elder William Braswell preached, followed by Elder James D. Stewart, followed by Elder H. E. Smith. Then the Moderator arose and sang the dismissing song. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Services were called to order by singing hymn 530. Prayer by Brother Cecil Alston. The Moderator then introduced Elder Hubert Martin, text, St. John. He was followed by Elder Lawrence Bethea and then by Elder Lemon Adams, text, Gen. 7:26. Next was Elder Jimmie Wilson, who sang hymn 188, text Isaiah 63. He was followed by Elder Warren Cooper, no special text. Elder E. J. Bateman followed, no special text. The Moderator then arose and sang hymn 288 for a closing.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Services were called to order by singing hymn 253. Prayer by Elder Warren Cooper. The Moderator then introduced Elder H. A. Coles, text, Gen. 1:6; followed by Elder John Charles, sang hymn 3, text, St. John 1. He was followed by Elder E. C. Claytor, sang hymn 338, text, Psalms 133. He was followed by Elder J. J. Adams, text, Acts, 4:12, followed by Elder David Bynum, text, Hebrews 4. The Moderator then arose and sang hymn 288 for closing. Benediction by Elder John Charles.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Services were called to order by singing hymn 506. Prayer by Elder W. B. Enoch. The Moderator arose and introduced Elder Johnnie Pitts

who sang hymn 626, text, St. John 15. He was followed by Elder Amos H. Humphrey, sang hymn 393, text, Matt. 25, followed by Elder Samuel H. Hairston, text, St. John 1. The Moderator then arose and sang for a closing hymn, 73. Benediction by Elder David Bynum.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Services were called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 507. Prayer by Elder David Bynum. The Moderator then arose and introduced Brother Irvin Moore, text, "The foundation of God standeth sure." He was followed by Elder E. J. Bateman, sang hymn 507, text Hebrews 10:1. He was followed by Elder H. E. Smith who sang hymn 125, text, St. John 10. The Moderator then arose and sang for a closing hymn, 195. Benediction by Elder S. H. Hairston.

MONDAY MORNING CONFERENCE.

The Brethren re-assembled Monday Morning according to the adjournment. The service was called to order by Elder Cecil Alston. The Moderator sang hymn 422. Prayer was offered by Elder C. L. Alston. The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Motioned and agreed that the roll of churches be called. All present.

Motioned and agreed to hear the report of the section meeting. The report was made by Brother Irvin Moore and was received.

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Motioned and agreed that the Circular Letter be read; it was received.

Motioned and agreed that Saturday's proceeding be read. Motioned and agreed that they be received.

Motioned and agreed that Brother George Harden write the Circular Letter for 1956.

Motioned and agreed that first section convene with Mt. Hope Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, first Saturday and Sunday in April, 1956, conducted by Elder W. B. Enoch, Brother Irvin Moore.

Second section convene with Moore's Grove Church in Granville, Co., fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1956, conducted by Elder W. C. Dancey, Elder W. B. Enoch.

Motioned and agreed that the next session of the Cooper's Grove Association convene with the Pilgrim Rest Church in Burlington, North Carolina, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1956. Elder C. L. Alston to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. B. Enoch, his alternate.

Motioned and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report. According to the Committee's report, the Moderator appointed Elder E. J. Bateman to preach for the people at the stand Monday Morning, Elder Paul R. Alston to open the service, Brother Richard Graves to record the minister's texts.

Motioned and agreed that the treasurer make his report. Reported $231.67.

Motioned and agreed that the Finance Committee make their report. Report is as follows:

Mt. Hope	$ 30.50
Pilgrim Rest	52.00
Living Hope	5.50
Antioch	0.00
Moore's Grove	15.00
Wright's Grove	3.00
Churches	$106.00
Public	136.17
Total	$242.17
Expenses	212.00
Balance	$ 30.17
Delegation	12.00
Total Balance	$ 18.17

Motioned and agreed that we appoint messengers to the different associations with whom we correspond:

Bethlehem—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1955.
Union Line—Brother Irvin Moore, 1955.
Radicue—Elder Paul R. Alston, 1955.
Loving—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1955.
Little River—Elder W. C. Dancey, 1955.
Corresponding—Brother Irvin Moore, 1955.
Sandy Ridge—Elder C. L. Alston, 1955.
Roanoke—Elder C. L. Alston, 1956.
Long Branch—Elder W. B. Enoch, 1955.
Chestnut Knob—Elder Paul R. Alston, 1956.
Piedmont—Paul R. Alston, 1955.
Contentnea—Brother Irvin Moore, 1955.
Mt. Pleasant—Elder W. C. Dancey, 1955.

Motioned and agreed to print 350 copies of the Minutes.

Motioned and agreed that the conference adjourn. Hymn 18 was sung for closing. Benediction by C. L. Alston.

MONDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Hymn 631 was sung for the opening. Prayer by Elder E. J. Bateman. Elder E. J. Bateman preached, text, St. John 15. Elder David Bynum no special text. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 411 and preached. The Moderator then arose and sang for a closing hymn, 618. Benediction by Elder Paul Alston.

ELDER C. L. ALSTON, Moderator
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER C. LYNCH, Association Clerk
BROTHER IRVIN MOORE, Assistant Clerk

ORDAINED ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

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W. B. Enoch, Rt. 2, Tel. 2753, Burlington, N. C.

LICENTIATES AND ADDRESSES

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DEACONS AND ADDRESSES

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Arthur Hightower, Rt. 1, Mebane, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:

The Lord has blessed us to meet again from the east, west, north and south. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives. How good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and all we do be in the glory of God.

Done by order of conference. Brother Robert Harden

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ELDER C. L. ALSTON, Moderator
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER C. LYNCH, Association Clerk
BROTHER IRVIN MOORE, Assistant Clerk

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Pilgrim Rest	Elder C. L. Alston	Brother Odie Blackwell	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	33	52.00
Living Hope	Elder C. L. Alston	Bro. Arthur Hightower	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5.50
Antioch	.....	.....									
Moore's Grove	Elder C. L. Alston	Brother Robert Harden	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	15.00
Wright's Grove	Elder W. B. Enoch	Elder W. C. Dancey	1	..	..	.	..	..	..	2	3.00
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Colored Primitive Baptists

Minutes

OF THE

Twenty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Coopers Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pilgrim Rest Church

IN BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 18, 19, 20,

1956

Next session convenes at High Rock in Orange County, North Carolina, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1957.

OFFICERS

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ELDER W. B. ENOCH - Clerk, Rt. 2, Burlington, N. C. Telephone 2753

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Proceedings

OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COOPER GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Convened with Pilgrim Rest Church
In Burlington, North Carolina,
August 17, 18, 19, 1956

With Elder C. L. Alston presiding, service was called to order by singing hymn 492. Prayer by Elder C. M. Bullock. Elder Cecil Alston arose according to the report of the 1955 session preached the Introductory Sermon, text Psalm 90. Elder W. B. Enoch alternate, text, Ephesians 2:8. Hymn 364 was sung for closing. Intermission for one hour. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 200. Prayer by Elder Paul Alston. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business. First in order was the choosing of Moderator and Clerk. Motioned, and agreed that Elder C. L. Alston be Moderator.

Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch be Assistant Moderator.

Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch be Clerk. Motioned and agreed that Elder Irwin Moore be Assistant Clerk.

Motioned and agreed to call for peace of the comfort. Met in peace and parted the same.

Motioned and agreed to invite corresponding Elders and brethren to seat and feel themselves at home with us.

Motioned and agreed to call roll of the churches.

Mount Hope: Reported love and peace.

Pilgrim Rest: Reported in love and peace.

Living Hope: Reported in love and peace.

Moore's Grove: Reported in love and peace.

Motioned and agreed to receive the reports of the churches.

Motioned and agreed the Rules of Decorum be read.

Motioned and agreed to receive the Rules of Decorum as read.

Motioned and agreed to call for the corresponding delegates:

Bethlehem: Elder Charlie M. Bullock, reported peace; a file of Minutes. Next session to be held with Few in Number Church at Pine Tops, North Carolina.

Roanoke: Elder J. J. Adams, reported love and peace, file of Minutes. Next session to convene with Mine Creek Church near Keeling, Va.

Corresponding: Elder Frank Bell reported love and peace, and file of Minutes. Next session to be held with Post Oak Church near Robersonville, North Carolina.

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. D. Tucker reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session to be with Stoneville Church, Stoneville, N. C.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Roosevelt Thomas reported love and peace, and file of Minutes. Next session Piney Grove. Get off at Woodys store.

Long Branch: Elder J. H. Dickens reported love and peace, file of Minutes. Next session at Tar River Chapel Church, Tarboro, N. C.

Contentnea: Brother Bennie Bryant reported peace and love, file of Minutes. Next session with Little Nahunta Church, Fremont, N. C.

Loving: Elder Amos Humphrey, love and peace, file of Minutes. Next session at Catherine Chapel Church, Jacksonville, N. C.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder H. E. Smith reported love and peace, file of Minutes. Next sessiion with Bethlehem Church, Wadley, Ga.

Mount Zion: Elder B. O'Neal reported love and peace, file of Minutes. Next session with Mt. Zion Church, Norfork, W. Va.

Union: Elder David Bynum reported love and peace, a file of Minutes. Next session at Williams Chapel Church near Walstonburg, N. C.

Radicue: Elder James Barrett reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session at Art Willow Church, near Wilson, N. C.

The following Elders sent to stand to preach. The Moderator appointed Elder Paul Alston to open and conduct, Brother C. Lynch to record the texts. Elder Jesse Mabe to preach, followed by Elder B. Hairston, Elder C. M. Bullock, Elder James Barrett to follow him.

Little River: Elder J. D. Stewart reported love and peace, with file of Minutes. Next session at Mt. Moriah Church at Smithfield, N. C.

Piedmont: No messengers.

Motioned and agreed that all associational reports be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Motioned and agreed to choose Finance Committee: Brother Odie Blackwell, Brother Robert Hardin, Brother George Harden, Brother George N. Leath.

Committee on Preaching from day to day: Elder Cecil Alston, Brother Clarence Compton, Brother Arthur Hightower.

Motioned and agreed to choose Association Treasurer: Brother C. Lynch, Brother Albert Curtiss.

Elder Hubert Alston returned home confessing his faults and was appointed to meet his monthly meeting third Saturday in September, 1956. Then space was given for the Elders and brethren to express their fellings in words of comfort.

Motioned and agreed that conference adjourn. Sang hymn 73 for closing. Benediction by Elder W. B. Enoch.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 606. Prayer by Elder James Barrett, Elder C. M. Bullock arose, sang hymn 270 and preached Elder B. Hairston sang hymn 364, and preached from John 15. Elder Jesse Mabe arose preached, text, John 3. Elder Paul Alston preached from John 1:16. The Moderator sang hymn 353 for closing. Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 275; prayer by Elder C. M. Bullock. Elder James Barrett arose and sang hymn 380 and preached. Elder Jesse Tucker sang hymn No. 3, text Titus. Elder J. J. Adams preached, text Job 14:14. Elder B. O'Neal preached, text, Matt. 5. Elder J. H. Dickens preached with the Spirit. After a few remarks from the Moderator, hymn 18 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 288; prayer by Elder James Barrett. Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 201 and preached wonderfully. Elder David Bynum sang hymn 95, text Isa. 32:1. Elder J. D. Stewart preached from Matt. 3:3. Elder J. H. Dickens preached from John 15:2. Elder Amos H. Humphrey preached from John 15:

15. The Moderator then arose and sang hymn 506 for closing. Benediction by Elder A. H. Humphrey.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 73; prayer by Elder J. H. Winstead. Elder Burton McLaughlin sang hymn 415, text John 3:17. Brother Robert Wilson sang hymn 490, preached from Matt. 5:1. Elder Lemon Adams preached from no special text. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 490 and preached from Psalm 23. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 334, preached from no special text. Hymn 203 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder W. B. Enoch.

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SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE:

Service was opened with hymn 34; prayer by Elder Paul Alston. Elder Moore arose and preached from John 1:1. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 163 and preached from Gen. 1:1. Elder Paul Alston preached from Gen. 1:3. Elder James Barrett sang hymn 188 and preached from John 1:1. After a few remarks by the Moderator, hymn 395 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

MONDAY MORNING CONFERENCE:

The brethren re-assembled Monday morning according to adjournment. Service was called to order by Elder C. L. Alston. The Moderator sang hymn 95; prayer was offered by Elder C. L. Alston. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business.

Called for peace of the conference. All in love and peace. Motioned and agreed to call roll of churches. All present.

Motioned and agreed to hear reports of section meeting. Report made by Elder W. B. Enoch, the same was received.

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Motioned and agreed to hear the reading of the Circular Letter, the same was received.

Motioned and agreed for Brother Robert Hardin to write the Circular for 1957.

Motioned and agreed that the first section convene with Living Hope Church, conducted by Elder Paul Alston, and Elder Irwin Moore.

Motioned and agreed that the second section convene with Pilgrim Rest Church, conducted by Elder W. B. Enoch, to preach the Introductory Sermon. Motioned and agreed that Elder Cecil Alston be alternate.

Motioned and agreed that the next session of the Cooper's Grove Association convene with Pilgrim Rest Church and held at High Rock, in Orange County, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1957. Motioned and agreed that Elder W. B. Enoch preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Paul Alston be his alternate. According to the report of the Committee of Arrangements, Elders J. H. Winstead, Elder James Barrett were sent to the stand to preach for the

people. Motioned and agreed that the Saturday's Proceedings be read. Motioned and agreed the Proceedings be received as read. Motioned and areed that the Finance Committee make their report as follows:

Received from the churches	$123.00	
Received from the public	124.31	$247.31
Paid out	244.30	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	3.01	$247.31

Motioned that the Finance report be received.

Motioned and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report. Motioned and agreed that the reports be received.

Motioned and agreed that we get out delegates to corresponding Associations:

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Motioned and agreed that 350 copies of these Minutes be printed.
Motioned and agreed that the conference be adjourned.
Closed with hymn 506. Benediction was given by Elder H. E. Smith.

MONDAY AT THE STAND:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 197; prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Winstead. Elder Winstead arose and preached the farewell sermon, preaching from Solomon's pool. The Moderator arose and expressed his gratitude and thanks to the people in regard to their keen interest and kind hospitality, their taking care of the Association. Hymn 674 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder C. L. Alston.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: to shew forth loving-kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night: now let us abide in this love and peace until the Lord shall call us, and say, Well done. Done by order of conference.

—Brother George S. Hardin.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder James Dickens, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder David Bynum, Box 21, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. J. Adams, Rt. 1, Box 153, Cascade, Va.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Roosevelt Thomas, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
Elder Jessie Tucker, Rt. 1, Box 636, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder James Barrett, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder James Stewart, P. O. Box 63, Coat, N. C.
Elder Frank Bell, Oak City, N. C.
Elder Amos Humphrey, Rt. 3, Box 25, Jacksonville, N. C.
Elder Buddie O'Neal, Bassett, Va.
Elder H. E. Smith, Rt. 1, Portal, Ga.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder C. L. Alston, Rt. 2, Box 25, Burlington, N. C.
Elder W. C. Dancey, P. O. Box 37, Garner, N. C.
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DECEASED MEMBERS

1954—Brother John Wiley was born February 11, 1889; he departed this life February 24, 1954. He was a member of the Mount Hope Church. He is gone, but not forgotten.
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Morre's Grove	Elder C. L. Alston	Brother Robert Hardin	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	12.00
Antioch											
Wright's Grove											
		Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123.00

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OF THE

Twenty-Sixth
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OF THE

Coopers Grove
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pilgrim's Rest Church

HELD AT CHEEK'S CROSSING,
ORANGE COUNTY
AUGUST 16,

1959

Next session convenes with Moore's Grove Church located at Cheek's Crossing, Orange County, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1960.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER C. L. ALSTON - Moderator, Rt. 7, Burlington
ELDER W. B. ENOCH - Clerk Rt. 7, Burlington, N. C.
ELDER IRWIN MOORE - Assistant Clerk, Burlington
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OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COOPER'S GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED TO MT. HOPE CHURCH, HELD AT CHEEK'S CROSSING, ORANGE COUNTY, AUGUST 16, 1959 ELDER CECIL ALSTON PRESIDING

Hymn 530 was sung for the opening of service. Prayer by Elder J. J. Adams. According to the Arrangement Committee's report in the 1958 session, Elder Cecil Alston preached the Introductory Sermon, text John 17:1. Elder W. B. Enoch preached the alternate, text, "By grace are we saved." Hymn No. 3 was sung for closing of the service. Benediction by Eld. Warren Cooper. One hour intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 345 for the opening of conference. Prayer by Elder Warren Cooper. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business. First in order was choosing of a Moderator and Clerk. Motion and agreed Elder Cecil Alston be the Moderator, Elder W. B. Enoch, Clerk. Motion and agreed Elder Irwin Moore be Assistant Clerk. Motion agreed to call for the peace of the conference. Reported peace and love. Motion agreed to invite corresponding Elders to seat with us and to feel welcome, their forming a part of the conference. Motion agreed roll of the churches be called. Responded as follows:

Mt. Hope: Brother C. Lynch, reported peace and love.

Pilgrim Rest: Brother C. Compton reported peace and love.

Moore's Grove: Brother Robert Harden reported peace and love.

According to the Arrangement Committee's report the Moderator appointed Matthew Reid, Elder Isaiah Moore, Elder Paul Alston sent to the stand to preach. Motion agreed that corresponding messengers make their report:

Bethlehem: Elder Ruffin Hyman reported love and peace and file of Minutes.

Tar River: Elder Leslie Blow reported love and peace and

file of Minutes. Next session at Farmville, N. C. at Bynum Chapel Church.

Radicue: Elder Warren Cooper reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session at Wilson, N. C. at Pilgrim Rest Church.

Union Line: Elder Richard Hill reported peace and love, and file of Minutes. Next session at Wilson, N. C., at Union Grove Church.

Loving: Elder Amos Humphrey reported peace and love, and file of Minutes. Next session at Jacksonville, N. C., at Hartsville Chapel Church.

Corresponding: No messengers.

Long Branch: Elder Joe Willis Dickens reported peace and love and file of Minutes. Next session at Logsboro Church.

Contentnea: Elder Earl Holt reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session at Black Creek N. C. at Black Creek Church.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Early Stockton reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session near Martinsville, Va., at Flat Rock Church.

Sandy Ridge Elder Andrew Taylor reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session at Hylton Thessalonia Church at Stuart, Va.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder A. L. Perry reported love and peace and file of Minutes Next session at Mt. Pisgah Church, Bullock County Ga.

Piedmont: Elder B. T. Hairston reported love and peace. Next session at Roanoke, Va., at City View Church.

Roanoke: Elder J. J. Adams reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session near Danville, Va., at Mt. Tatum.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session near Coats, N. C. at Black River Grove Church.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Wade reported love and peace. Next session at Bluefield, W. Va at Macedonia Church.

Motioned and agreed all messengers be received by the Moderator extending to the messengers the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. Motioned and agreed to choose the Finance

Committee: Brethren George Harden, Brother Robert Harden, Brother Clarence Compton, Brother Willie Moore, Brother George Leathe, Brother Richard Graves. Motioned and agreed Brother C. Lynch be Association Treasurer. Motioned and agreed to choose a Committee on Arrangements of preaching from day to day: Elder Cecil Alston, Brother Albert Curtiss, Brother Hubert Lines. Motioned and agreed that conference adjourn. Sang hymn 18 for closing of service. Benediction by Elder Lawrence Bethea.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 503. Prayer by Brother Isaiah Moore. Elder Paul Alston came forth and preached, followed by Brother Isaiah Moore, followed by Elder Richard Hill, who chose for a text John 1:1, hymn 83 was sung for closing. Benediction by Brother Reid.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE:

Service was called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 522. Prayer by Elder Charlie Powell. Elder Earl Holt preached, followed by Elder Charlie Powell, text Jer. 1. Elder Early Stockton preached using for a text Eph. 1:1, followed by Elder Lawrence Bethea, text John 15. Elder J. J. Adams preached, followed by Elder Willie Dickens, followed by Elder Leslie Blow, text Luke 15. Hymn 152 was sung for closing of service. Benediction by Elder Early Stockton.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:

Hymn No. 3 was sung for opening of service. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wade. Elder A. L. Perry sang hymn 339, text Sam. 1:16. Elder Andrew Taylor sang hymn 631 and preached, followed by Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 355, text Acts 26:1, followed by Elder Booker Hairston. Elder Warren Cooper sang hymn 695, text Isa. 6. Hymn 270 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder R. Hyman.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 18. Prayer by Elder Hyman. Preaching by Elder Lawrence Reid, followed

by Elder Ruffin Hyman, text Luke 5:1. Elder Amos Humphrey sang hymn No. 3, text Luke 15. Elder Earl Holt sang hymn 364 and preached. Elder Early Stockton sang hymn 531, text Cor. 3:10. Elder Redmond Peyton sang hymn 18, and preached, followed by Elder J. J. Adams, who sang hymn 507, text, "Somebody touched Me." Hymn 440 was sung for closing service. Benediction by Elder W. B. Enoch.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE:

Service called to order by singing hymn 73. Prayer by Elder Richard Hill. Preaching by Elder Hubert Alston, using for a text, Rev. 1:1, followed by Elder Paul Alston who sang hymn 300, followed by Elder Irwin Moore, text John 14. 506 was sung for closing of service. Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

MONDAY MORNING CONFERENCE:

The brethren re-assembled according to the adjournment. Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Cecil Alston singing hymn 288. Prayer by Elder Richard Hill. The Moderator announced the house in order for business. Motion and agreed to call the roll of churches. All present. Motion and agreed to hear the report of the section. Report made by Elder Irwin Moore. Motion to hear the report of second section. Report made by Elder Cecil Alston. Motion and agreed the Circular Letter be read. Motion and agreed the first section be held with Mt. Hope Church, 1960, Greensboro, N. C. Motion that Elder W. B .Enoch preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Irwin Moore, alternate. Motion and agreed the second section be at Pilgrim Rest Church. Motion and agreed Elder Paul Alston preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Hubert Alston be his alternate. Motion and agreed Cooper's Grove Primitive Baptist Association be appointed to Moore's Grove Church, to be held in Orange County, N. C., two miles east of Mebane, N. C., at Cheek's Cross, highway No. 70, for the year 1960. Motion and agreed that Saturday's proceedings be read. Motioned and agreed the Committee on Arrangements make their report. Motion and agreed the Finance Committee make their

report:

Received from the churches	$157.00	
Received from the public	293.15	
Old balance	92.05	$542.20

After expenses paid, balance $147.50.

Motion and agreed to appoint messengers to the Associations with whom we correspond:

Bethlehem: Elder W. B. Enoch, 1959; Tar River: Elder W. B. Enoch, 1959; Union Line: Elder Paul Alston, 1959; Loving: Elder Hubert Alston, 1959; Radicue: Elder W. B. Enoch, 1959; Corresponding: Elder Irwin Moore, 1959; Long Branch: Elder Cecil Alston, 1959; Contentnea: Elder Hubert Alston, 1959; Chestnut Knob: Elder Irwin Moore, 1960; Sandy Ridge: Elder Hubert Alston, 1959; Piedmont: Elder Irwin Moore, 1959; Mt. Pleasant: Elder Cecil Alston, 1959; Little River: Elder Cecil Alston, 1959; Roanoke: Elder Irwin Moore, 1960; Mt. Zion: Elder W. B. Enoch, 1960.

Motion and agreed we have 350 copies of the Minutes printed. Motion and agreed that conference adjourn until August, 1960. 616 was sung for closing of conference. Benediction by Elder C. L. Alston.

SERVICE AT STAND MONDAY MORNING:

Service was called to order by Elder Paul Alston singing hymn 618. Prayer by Elder Paul Alston. Elder Richard Hill came forth and preached, text John 1:1. Elder Paul Alston came forth and preached, then the Moderator made a few brief remarks and thanked the many friends for their keen interest and kind hospitality rendered in the caretaking of this Association. Sang for closing 618. Benediction by Elder W. B. Enoch.

ELDER CECIL ALSTON, Moderator,
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Ass't. Moderator

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren: The Lord has blessed us to meet again to give thanks and praise unto the almighty God. Straight is the gate and narrow is the path that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold but climbeth up some other way the same is a thief and a robber. In vain do they worship. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Done by order of conference, by Brother Robert Harden.

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DEACONS AND ADDRESSES

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DECEASED MEMBERS

Sister Mary Bell Henry departed this life March 18, 1957, a member of Pilgrim Rest Church. Her loss we believe is heavenly gain. Gone but not forgotten. Brother James Corbett departed this life Oct. 1957, a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church. Elder Wiley C. Dancey departed this life May, 1959. Gone, but not forgotten.

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CHURCH STATISTICS

Mt. Hope—Pastor, Elder Cecil Alston; messenger, Brother C. Lynch; Sunday of meeting, 1st; total membership 7; contribution $39.00.

Pilgrim Rest—Elder Cecil Alston, Pastor; messenger, Brother Clarence Compton; Sunday of meeting 3rd; deceased 1; total membership 28; contribution $91.00.

Moores Grove—Elder Cecil Alston, Pastor; messengers, Brother Robert Harden; Sunday of meeting 4th; total membership 11; contribution $27.00.

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3. We believe in original sin, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous eternal.
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5. We believe the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
6. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.
7. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersion in water.
8. We believe that God chose His people in Christ before the world began.
9. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinance only as a regularly baptised, called, and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
10. We believe that none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

ELDER C. L. ALSTON, Moderator
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER IRVIN MOORE, Assistant Clerk

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3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or in any way violate rules of the church, and if they do, they shall be in the hands of the church and liable to be excluded.
4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, must not be held.
5. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules and comes back to make a confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive such a member according to the gospel order.
6. Each church shall commune twice a year.
7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be within seven miles of each other if they can help it.
8. Any members who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.
9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and restriction of the church.
10. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons, if they possibly can.
11. Any church belonging to Cooper's Grove Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this Association,

no brother or brethren shall take it up, neither any Association with whom we correspond.

12. The members of this Association shall pay Associational dues.

13. No member shall stand in the church and give word for word.

14. The minority must submit to the majority except on fellowshiping and appointing men to office, which must be unanimous.

15. Any minister who will get drunk shall not be allowed to administer the Lord's Supper, and not be allowed to preach.

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20. There shall be no new rules made in the Association or for the Association to be ruled unless the Moderator is present or someone appointed by him.

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Minutes

OF THE

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Coopers Grove Primitive Baptist Association

HELD AT THE

ASSOCIATION GROUND

One mile east of Mebane, N. C. Highway 70

AUGUST 19, 20, 21,

1961

Next session appointed to be held with Moore's Grove Church, 1962, held at the regular place, one mile east of Mebane, Orange County, N. C., Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1962.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER CECIL ALSTON ..... Moderator
ELDER W. B. ENOCH ..... Clerk
ELDER IRWIN MOORE ..... Assistant Clerk

Cooper's Grove Primitive Baptist Association was organized August 19, 1933 at Burlington, N. C., by the Elders of Tar River Association.

The Primitive Baptist Publishing House
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Proceedings

OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COOPER'S GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION GROUND ONE MILE EAST OF MEBANE, NORTH CAROLINA, (ORANGE COUNTY) AUGUST, 1961, WITH ELDER CECIL ALSTON PRESIDING

Hymn 188 was sung for the opening of service. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wade. The Moderator then announced the house in order for service according to the arrangement committee's report in the 1960 session. Elder C. L. Alston preached the Introductory Sermon, text Matt. 2:2. Elder W. B. Enoch, the alternate, with no special text. Hymn 492 was sung for the closing of the service. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

AFTERNOON SERVICE:

The brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 76. Prayer by Elder W. M. Weaver. The Moderator then announced the house in order for business. First in order was the choosing of Moderator and Clerk. Motioned and agreed that Elder Cecil Alston be chosen Moderator and Elder W. B. Enoch be chosen Clerk. Motioned and agreed that Elder Irwin Moore be chosen Assistant Clerk.

Motioned and agreed that all officers that constitute the Cooper's Grove Association that are in good standing remain in the respective offices. Motioned and agreed that the corresponding delegates be invited to seat with us in conference, and feel themselves cordially welcome. Motioned and agreed the Roll of churches be called:

Mt. Hope: Reported peace and love. Report made by C. Lynch.

Pilgrim Rest: Reported peace and love. The report was made by Brother Clarence Compton.

Moore's Grove: Reported peace and love, report made by Brother Robert Harden. Brother George Harden motioned and agreed the report of churches be received. Motioned and agreed the Rules of Decorum be read. Same was received. The Elders were sent to the stand to preach for the people: Elder Amos

H. Humphrey, Elder Robert Townes, Elder Cutler Sauls, Elder F. B. Bell, Elder Isaiah Perkins.

Motioned and agreed the messengers which we correspond with give their report:

Bethlehem: Elder Daniel Staton reported peace and love, and file of Minutes. Next session with Mt. Olive Church five miles south of Fountain, N. C., on highway 222.

Union Line: Elder Uriah Parker reported love and peace. He was received. Next sitting was not reported, as it came late.

Contentnea: Elder Earl Holt reported peace and love and a file of Minutes. Next session with Piney Grove Church to be held at Norwayne School, Fremont, N. C.

Loving: Elder Gold Pollock reported peace. Next session with Edna Chapel Church on highway 258 five miles from Richland, N. C.

Long Branch: Elder J. W. Dickens reported love and peace and file of Minutes. Next session with Leggett Chapel Church in Leggetts, N. C.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea reported peace and love, and file of Minutes. Next sitting with Shiloh Church located near Princeton, N. C.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Frank Penn reported peace and love and file of Minutes. Next sitting with Oak Level Church on highway 58.

Correspoding: Elder Isaiah Perkins reported peace and love and file of Minutes. Next session with Chestnut Grove Church one mile from Oak City, N. C.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Wade reported peace and love and a file of Minutes. Next sitting with New Hope Church East Park, Beckley, W. Va.

Mt. Pleasant: Received by Minutes and letter. reported peace and love.

Piedmont: Elder E. A. Edwards reported love and peace and a file of Minutes. Next session with Rockfield Church four miles from Ferrum, Va.

Sandy Ridge: Elder George Scales reported peace and love, and file of Minutes. Next session with Red Hollow Church near Martinsville. Va.

Roanoke: Elder Lemon Adams reported peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Radicue: Elder Miles Wooten reported love and peace and a file of Minutes. Next session with Mt. Galillee Church, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Tar River: Elder J. T. Moore reported love and peace and was received. He did not give a report of the next session as he came Sunday.

Motion and agreed that all corresponding messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Finance Committee as follows: Brother Robert Harden, Bro. George Harden, Brother Clarence Compton, Brother George Leath, Brother Louis Moore.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder Cecil Alston. Brother Hubert Lines Brother Richard Graves.

Motioned and agreed that Brother C. Lynch be the Association Treasurer. Motioned and agreed that conference adjourn. Sang hymn 283 for closing of conference. Benediction by Elder Frank Penn.

SATURDAY AT THE STAND:

Service was called to order by singing hymn 395. Prayer by Elder Amos Humphrey. The house was announced then in order for service. Elder Frank Bell used for a text John 14, followed by Elder Robert Townes who sang hymn 3 and chose for a text Cor. 13. Elder Isaiah Perkins sang hymn 353, no special text. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 400 and chose for a text John 9. Hymn 273 was sung for closing. Benediction by Elder Daniel Staton.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION:

Service was opened by singing hymn 85. Prayer by Elder Daniel Staton. The Moderator then introduced Elder Earl Holt, no special text, followed by Elder Daniel Staton, who chose for his text Jer. 5. Elder Frank Penn sang a hymn and preached a wonderful sermon, followed by Elder J. L. Wade who sang hymn 355, no special text. Elder J. H. Morning

sang hymn 188, no special text. Elder Joe Willie Dickerson preached from no special text, followed by Elder George Scales who chose for his text John 20. Hymn 288 was sung for closing the service. Benediction by Elder Lemon Adams.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:

Hymn 288 was sung for opening of service. Prayer by Elder Frank Penn. The Moderator introduced Elder Goal Pollock. Sang hymn 364, no special text. Elder Miles Wooten sang hymn 56, chose for his text Psa. 11:3, followed by Elder Lemon Adams who sang hymn 120; chose for text Kings 18:21. Elder Wm. Weaver arose, sang hymn 530, no special text, followed by Elder Uriah Parker; sang hymn 76, no special text. Elder E. A. Edwards preached, no special text; followed by Elder Thomas Moore. Sang hymn 383, no special text. Hymn 73 was sung for closing. Service dismissed by Elder Smith Jamison.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Services were opened by singing hymn 613 by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Smith Jamison. Elder Cuttler Sauls arose, sang hymn 502. Chose for text Psa. 21. Followed by Elder Frank Penn; sang hymn 288 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder F. L. Coley arose, sang hymn 390, no special text; followed by Elder C. H. Jamison; no special text. Elder R. Peyton preached; no special text. Followed by Elder Smith Jamison, no special text. Elder Daniel Staton arose, sang hymn 617, text St. John 15:16. Sang for closing 506. Benediction by Elder Paul Alston.

The service was called to order by singing hymn 95; prayer by Elder Cecil Alston. Preaching by Elder Irvin Moore, no special text. Elder Hubert Alston arose, sang hymn 31; text St. Matt. 2:2; followed by Elder Paul Alston. Sang 165; text St. John 1:1. Hymn 16 was sung for closing service. Dismissed by Elder Daniel Staton.

MONDAY CONFERENCE

The Brethren re-assembled. Sang hymn 337 for the opening of conference. Prayer by Elder Staton. The Moderator arose

and pronounced the house in order for business. Motioned and agreed roll of churches be called. Was received.

Motioned to hear report of the first section meeting. Report made by Elder Moore and Elder W. B. Enoch. Motioned and agreed to hear report of the second section. Report made by Elder Hubert Alston and Elder W. B. Enoch.

Motioned and agreed to receive the reports of the section meetings. Motioned and agreed to choose building committee: Elders Cecil Alston, Irvin Moore, W. B. Enoch, Hubert Alston, Brethren C. Lynch, E. B. Vincent.

Motioned and agreed to hear Saturday's proceedings.

Motioned and agreed Saturday's proceedings be received.

Motioned and agreed the Circular Letter be read. Motion and agreed Circular Letter be received.

Motioned and agreed Coopers Grove Primitive Baptist Association be appointed to Pilgrim Rest Church, to be held at the same place, one mile below Mebane, N. C., highway 70, Orange County, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1962.

Motioned and agreed that Elder Cecil Alston preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. B. Enoch be his alternate.

Motioned and agreed first section convene with Pilgrim Rest Church for 1962. Motioned and agreed Elder Hubert preach the Introductory. Elder Paul Alston preach the alternate.

Motion and agreed second section be held at Moore's Grove Church, 1962. Motioned and agreed Elder Paul Alston preach the Introductory; Elder Irvin Moore be his alternate.

Motioned and agreed to appoint messengers to the corresponding Associations.

Contentnea Association: Elder Cecil Alston.

Tar River Association: Elder W. B. Enoch.

Bethlehem Association: Elder Cecil Alston.

Union Line: Elder Hubert Alston.

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Little River: Elder Paul Alston.
Piedmont: Elder W. B. Enoch.
Mount Zion: Elder W. B. Enoch.
Roanoke: Elder Irvin Moore.
Mount Pleasant: Letter and minutes by Clerk.

Motioned and agreed committee on arrangements make their report. Report made by Elder C. L. Alston. Motioned and agreed finance committee make their report.

Mt. Hope	$ 45.00	
Pilgrim Rest	89.00	
Moore's Grove	33.00	$167.00
Public collections	$333.25	
In old treasury	147.50	
Grand total		$647.75
After expenses, balance		$170.04

Motioned and agreed 350 copies of the minutes be printed.

Motioned and agreed conference adjourn until 1962. Hymn 616 was sung for closing of conference. Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

Elder C. L. Alston, Moderator
Elder W. B. Enoch, Assistant Mod.
Elder W. B. Enoch, Clerk
Elder Irvin Moore, Assistant Clerk

SERVICE AT THE STAND—MONDAY

Service opened by singing hymn 613. Prayer by Brother E. B. Vincent. Elder Paul Alston came forth; preached on "the rejected Stone." Followed by Elder Daniel Staton. Pretached the farewell sermon, text, "John sent to Rome." Closing hymn 626. Benediction by Elder Paul Alston.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,—The Lord has blessed us to meet again from East, West, North and South. Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever. And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to Thy holy name and glory in Thy praise.

Done by order of conference. —Brother George Sim Harden

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LICENSED MINISTERS

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Total Contributions: $167.00

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OF THE

Thirty-Third

Annual Session

OF THE

Coopers Grove

Primitive Baptist Association

Cooper's Grove Primitive Baptist Association was organized August 19, 1933 at Burlington, N. C. by the Elders of the Tar River Association.

HELD WITH

Pilgrim Rest Church

IN ORANGE COUNTY, ONE MILE EAST OF MEBANE, N. C.
AUGUST 20, 21, 22,

1966

Next session convenes with Living Hope Church, located on association ground, one mile east of Mebane, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1967.

OFFICERS

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DEACON GEO. LEATH - Ass't Clerk, Burlington, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE

1966 SESSION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE COOPER'S GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Elder Cecil Alston Presiding. August 20, 21, 22, 1966.

Opened Saturday morning at 10:45 a. m. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 300 for opening. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wade of Mt. Zion Association. Elder A. L. Perry of Mt. Pleasant Association. Scripture lesson, Hebrews 12:1-10. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 372 for continuing worship.

Elder C. Alston came forth, read text Matt. 2, beginning at 1st verse and preached introductory sermon. Assistant Moderator, Elder W. B. Enoch came forth and preached alternate sermon. No special text. Moderator, Elder C. Alston came forth, hymn 255, for closing of service.

Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT STAND

Elder Hubert Alston conducted service. Brother Travis Jackson recorder, Brother Joe Price, Elder R. Perry, Elder E. A. Edwards, Elder Towns, Brother Coley, Brother Fench, Elder George Penn.

Service opened, Elder Hubert Alston sang hymn 353. Prayer by Elder Edwards. Elder Rudolph Perry, Mt. Pleasant Association came forth, read scripture lesson, St. Luke 4:1-18. Brother Coley came forth, preached text Rev. 24. Elder Fench came forth, sang hymn 393 and preached, no special text. Brother Joe Price came forth, sang hymn 388 and preached, text Gen. 24. Elder George Penn came forth, preached, text Matt. 24. Elder Bethea from Little River Association came forth, sang hymn 3 and preached, text St. John 15. Moderator called Elder E. A. Edwards who came forth and preached, standpoint, "Salvation of a dying Lamb. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 288 for closing service. Dismissed by Elder J. J. Adams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONFERENCE

Elder Cecil Alston presiding, Conference opened at 1:30 p.m. with hymn 533. Prayer by Elder A. L. Perry, Moderator of Mt. Pleasant Association. Assistant Moderator, Elder W. B. Enoch came forth, read Sscripture, Rev. 22, beginning at 1st verse.

Motion carried choose Elder C. L. Alston Moderator. Motion carried. Elder W. B. Enoch be Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried Deacon W. L. Moore be Clerk of Association. Motion carried Deacon G. Leath be Assistant Clerk.

Motion carried call for peace of conference. All in peace.

Motioned carried to invite visiting Elders and brethren to sit with us in our conference. Feel themselves welcome and at home.

Motion agreed call roll of churches.

Mt. Hope Church reported peace and love by Deacon W. L. Moore and Deacon C. L. Lynch and the report was received. $22.00.

Pilgrim Rest Church reported peace and love by Deacon C. Compton, with church letter and they were received with $91.

Moore's Grove Church reported peace and love by Brother George and Robert Harding, with church letter and $37.50. It was received.

Living Hope Church reported peace and love by Brother Hightower, with church letter and $10.55 and they were received.

Motion agreed to hear reading of the Rules of Decorum and it was received.

Motion carried to call corresponding delegates.

Tar River reported peace and love by Elder Payton.

Bethlehem Association reported peace and love by Elder Herbert Sherley.

Pine Tops. Few in Number Church.

Radicue Association reported peace and love by Elder Fred Lucas. Next setting at Mt. Zion Church, Tarboro, N. C.

Union Association reported peace and love by Elder Luther Parker and file of minutes. Next setting Tyson Creek, near Faulkner, N. C., first Sunday in October.

Loving Association: Reported peace and love by Elder G. Potter. Next session Edna Chapel Church.

Little River reported peace and love by Elder Bethea. Next session Mt. Moriah Church in Smithfield.

Contentnea Association reported peace and love by Elder Holt. Next session Norway School, Fremont, and they were received.

Long Branch Association reported peace and love by Elder J. Charles. Next setting Little Mt. Zion, Speed, N. C. and they were received.

Chestnut Knob Association reported peace and love by Eld-

er B. Craighead. Next setting Chestnut Knob Church near Ridgeway, Va. on highway 781.

Roanoke Association reported peace and love by Elder W. M. Hairston. Next setting Whittman, Va., on highway 58 near Danville, Va.

Sandy Ridge Association reported peace and love by Elder Scales. Next setting near Pilot Mountain on Horseshoe Road. And they were received.

Piedmont Association reported peace and love by Elder T. E. Claytor. Next setting Shady Grove Church, near Roanoke, Va. on highway 221 and it was received.

Mt. Pleasant Association reported peace and love by Elder A. L. Perry with a file of minutes. Mt. Pisgah Church near Statesboro, Ga. Next session. And they were received.

Mt. Zion Association: Elder J. L. Wade reported peace and love. Next session at New Hope Church in Beckley, W. Va. and they were received.

Corresponding Association: No messenger. Doors left open.

Finance Committee: Motion carried Brother George Harding, Brother Clarence Compton, Brother Otha Hightower, Brother Travis Jackson, Brother Herbert D. Lines.

Treasure Dept.: Motion Deacon C. Lynch, Association Treasurer. Brother E. B. Vincent, Assistant Treasurer. Brother Robert Harding, Assistant Treasurer.

Motion carried all delegates be received by Moderator extending right hand of fellowship.

Committee on Arrangements: Motion carried Brother Albert Curtis, Brother Brown, Elder C. L. Alston.

Encouraging words of wisdom by Elder Irving Moore, Elder R. Parker, Elder John Charles, Elder T. L. Claytor, Elder Bethea, Elder A. L. Perry.

Motion carrried conference adjourn. Closing hymn 506. Dismissed by Elder C. L. Alston.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Saturday Evening Service opened at 7:00 p. m. Moderator, Elder C. L. Alston, came forth, sang hymn 284. Elder J. J. Adams from Roanoke Association came forth and offered prayer. Moderator called Elder Scales. He came forth, sang hymn 393. No special text. Elder B. Craighead came forth, sang hymn 205 and preached. No special text. Elder Rudolph Perry came forth, sang hymn 174 and preached, text St. John

15. Elder Townes came forth, sang hymn 355 and read text Corinthians 13 and preached thereon. Elder A. L. Perry came forth, sang hymn 41, preached, text Isaiah 32:1-4, A King shall reign in righteousness. Moderator called Elder Richard Martin, Moderator of Sandy Ridge Association, who came forth and preached, standpoint, A King shall reign in righteousness. Elder Staton from Bethlehem Association came forth, sang hymn 617 and preached, text Rev. 1, beginning at 9th verse. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 200 for a closing. Dismissed by Elder A. L. Perry.

Elder Cecil Alston, Moderator
Elder W. B. Enoch, Ass't Moderator
Deacon W. L. Moore, Clerk
Deacon Geo. N. Leath, Ass't Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING—10:30 A. M.

Moderator Elder Cecil Alston opened service with hymn 270. Prayer by Elder Payton, Moderator of Tar River Association. Moderator called Elder Gold Potter, of Loving Association, who came forth, sang hymn 400, and preached, text St. John 14. Elder Hairston from Roanoke Association came forth, sang hymn 353 and preached from Psalm 116:1. Elder Lucas from Radicue Association came forth, preached from Jonah 1:5. Elder Sherley of Bethlehem Association came forth, sang hymn 288, preached from Genesis 1:1. Elder Payton, Moderator, Tar River Association came forth, sang hymn 395, text Acts 9 and preached. Moderator, Elder Tom Claytor, of Piedmont Association, came forth, sang hymn 284, text Galatians 1:8, 9. Contentnea Association delegate, Elder Earl Holt, came forth, preached, no special text. Elder Wade of Mt. Zion Association came forth, sang hymn 355 and spoke with standpoint, If Jesus had to pray, what about me. Closing hymn 689.

Dismissed by Elder Penn.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE—2:15 P. M.

Service opened with hymn 492. Prayer by Elder P. S. Hairston. Then Moderator called Elder Redmon Payton, who came forth, sang hymn 355 and preached, text Matt. 25. Moderator called Elder John Charles of Long Branch Association, who came forth, preached, text the Book of Revelation. Elder J. J. Adams, Moderator Roanoke Association, came forth, sang hymn 200, text 1st Epistle, 1st chapter beginning 1st verse and

preached. Elder Penn of Chestnut Knob came forth, sang hymn 617 and preached. No special text. Elder Jamison, Sandy Ridge Association came forth, sang hymn 5, text 1st chapter, 8-9 verses and preached thereon. Elder Lemon Adams came forth, sang hymn 185 and preached. No special text. Elder Smith Jamison came forth and preached, standpoint, Daniel saw him as a stone. Closing hymn 689. Dismissed by Elder W. B. Enoch.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE—7:00 P. M.

Opened with hymn 153. Prayer by Elder Hubert Alston. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, preached, no special text. Elder Irvin Moore came forth, preached, no special text. Brother E. B. Vincent came forth preached, The wonderful power of God. Elder Townes came forth, preached Gal. Elder Hubert Alston came forth, preached, no special text. Elder W. B. Enoch came forth and gave thanks to God for blessing us with a wonderful association thus far. Closing hymn 271. Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

MONDAY MORNING CONFERENCE—10:15 A. M.

Moderator opened conference with hymn 18. Elder Hubert Alston offered prayer. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, read Scripture lesson from 1 Cor. 10:1-15.

Motion carried call for peace of conference. All in peace.

Motion carried to invite visiting Elders and brethren to seat with us in our conference.

Motion carried call for roll of churches. All present and received.

Motion carried hear reading of Circular Letter and it was received.

Motion carried to hear report of section meetings and they were received.

Motion carried Brother Robert Harding write Circular Letter.

Motion carried Living Hope Church get next session.

Motion carried Elder C. Alston preach introductory. Elder W. B. Enoch, alternate.

Motion carried Mt. Hope get 1st section meeting.

Motion carried Elder Irvin Moore preach Introductory sermon. Brother E. B. Vincent alternate. Motion carried Living Hope get 2nd secion meeting. Motion carried Elder W. B. Enoch preach introductory sermon. Brother E. B. Vincent, alternate.

Motion carried to hear reading of Saturday's proceedings

and it was received.

Motion to get corresponding delegates.

Radicue: Elder W. B. Enoch, $8.00.

Tar River: Brother E. B. Vincent, $7.00.

Bethlehem: Elder Hubert Alston, $8.00.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder Irvin Moore, $20.00.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Hubert Alston, $7.00.

Corresponding: Elder C. L. Alston, $10.00.

Union Line: Elder Irvin Moore, $7.00.

Loving Association: Elder C. L. Alston, $6.50.

Long Branch: Elder W. B. Enoch, $5.50.

Piedmont: Elde Hubert Alston, $7.00.

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Little River: Elder W. B. Enoch, $5.00.

Roanoke: Brother E. B. Vincent.

Mt. Zion: Elder W. B. Enoch.

Contentnea: Elder C. L. Alston, $5.00.

Motion carried to hear finance reports and it was received.

Motion carried to hear report of Committee on Arrarngements and it was received.

Motion carried to hear report of old treasurer, $27.20 and it was received.

Motion carried to hear finance report and it was received.

Churches	$169.02	Old Treasury	27.20
Public collection ..	197.31	Total income	$543.53
Stands	150.00	Total Expense	$398.00
		New Treasury	$145.53

Motion carried to have 350 minutes printed.

Motion carried conference adjourn. Closing hymn 618.

Dismissed by Elder C. L. Alston.

MONDAY MORNING FAREWELL SERMON

Service opened at 11:00 a m. with hymn 25. Prayer by Elder Irvin Moore. Elder Hubert Alston came forth, read Scripture, St. John 1:1 and preached. Elder Irvin Moore came forth, sang hymn 23 and preached, text St. John 11. Elder Hubert Alston came forth, sang hymn 629 to close service. Dismissed by Elder Irvin Moore.

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Elder W. B. Enoch, Ass't Moderator
Deacon W. L. Moore, Clerk
Deacon Geo. N. Leath, Ass't Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,—I was appointed in last year's association to write the Circular Letter. We are thankful to the Lord and heavenly Father that He has spared and enabled us to meet again from east, west, north and south in peace and love one with another.

Your brother in Christ I trust,

—Brother George Harden

Done by order of conference.

DECEASED

Brother Willie Mebane departed this life August 28, 1964, and Sister Moore of Moore's Grove Church departed this life July, 1966. There are two empty seats in our churches. They are gone but not forgotten.

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3. We believe in original sin, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous eternal.
4. We believe God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
6. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.
7. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersion in water.
8. We believe that God chose His people in Christ before the world began.
9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance only as a regularly baptized, called, and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
10. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ELDER C. L. ALSTON, Moderator
ELDER W. B. ENOCH, Assistant Moderator
ELDER IRWIN MOORE, Assistant Clerk

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3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or in any way violate the rules of the church, and if they do, they shall be in the hands of the church and liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules and comes back to make a confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive such a member according to the gospel order.

6. Each church shall commune twice a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be within seven miles of each other if they can help it.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and restriction of the church.

10. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons, if they possibly can.

11. Any church belonging to Cooper's Grove Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this Association, no brother or brethren shall take it up, neither any Association with whom we correspond.

12. The members of this Association shall pay Associational dues.

13. No member shall stand in the church and give word for word.

14. The minority must submit to the majority except on fellowshipping and appointing men to office, which must be unanimous.

15. Any minister who will get drunk shall not be allowed to administer the Lord's Supper, and not be allowed to preach.

16. Any member who will go to law with any matter before bringing it before the church must not be held in the church.

17. An Elder cannot hold an office of a bishop without good report of the church in and out of the church. As long as his conduct is good he may hold the office as long as he is chosen.

18. If there is anything a woman wishes to know she must ask her husband or a brother in the church.

19. No church that has a pastor shall make any new rules in the church unless he is present, or someone appointed by him.

20. There shall be no new rules made in the Association or for the Association to be ruled unless the Moderator is present or someone appointed by him.

21. Washing of the saints' feet at all communions.

22. Any member or minister sowing discord among brethren falls into the hands of his church, and is liable to be excluded.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Mt. Hope— Elder C. Alston	Deacon C. Lynch, Deacon Willie L. Moore	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	$22.00
Living Hope— Elder C. Alston	Brother Hightower	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	10.55
Pilgrim Rest— Elder C. Alston	Deacon C. Compton, Deacon Geo. N. Leath	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	91.00
Moore's Grove— Elder C. Alston	Deacon Robert Harden	4	1	....	....	....	....	1	11	37.50
Coopers Grove— Elder W. B. Enoch	Deacon Willie L. Moore Mission Point	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
	Totals								45	169.02

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Proceedings

OF THE 1967 SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF COOPERS GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. ELDER CECIL ALSTON PRESIDING AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 1967

Opened Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, opened service with hymn 380. Prayer by Elder George Penn, from Sandy Ridge Association. Elder Hubert Alston came forth, sang hymn 3, and preached Introductory sermon, text Psalm 90. Elder Irvin Moore came forth, preached alternate sermon, text Peter 2:1-3. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 18 for closing service.

Dismissed by Elder Bullock, Bethlehem Association.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT STAND

Elder E. A. Edwards opened with hymn 286. Elder W. L. Huff came forth, sang hymn 141, text Psalm 122, and preached thereon. Elder George Scale came forth, preached St. John 3:1. Elder Charlie Bullock came forth, sang hymn 3, text Psalm 25 and preached thereon. Elder S. H. Hairston came forth, sang 674, text Psalm 40 and preached. Elder Sam Smith came forth sang hymn 285. Preached Psa. 37. Elder Isaiah Perkins came forth, preached text 1 Samuel 16:18. Moderator Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang 689 for closing. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONFERENCE

Elder Cecil Alston, Moderator, sang hymn 490 to open conference. Prayer by Elder Warren Cooper, Moderator of Radicue Association. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, read scripture lesson from St. Matt. 2 chapter 1-6.

Motion carried Elder Cecil Alston, Moderator.

Motion carried Deacon Willie L. Moore Clerk; Deacon George N. Leath Assistant Clerk.

Peace of conference called for. All in peace.

Motion carried invite visiting Brohters, Elders sit with us in our conference, feel themselves welcome and at home.

Motion carried hear reading of decorum, and it was received.

Motion carried call church roll.

Mt. Hope Church reported peace and love and they were received. Contributed $11.00 by Deacon Moore.

Living Hope Church reported peace, love by Deacon O. Hightower. Contributed $15.00 and they were received.

Pilgrim Rest Church: Reported peace and love by Deacon Compton and Deacon Leath. Contributed $69.00, and they were received.

Moore's Grove Church: Reported peace and love by Deacon Harden, and Deacon Harden. Contributed $39.00, and they were received.

Motion carried call corresponding delegates.

Tar River Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Irvin Moore and they were received.

Radicue Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Warren Cooper and a file of minutes and they were received. Next session at Tiller High School on Wilson St., Tarboro, first Saturday, Sunday in October.

Bethlehem Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Statton. Next setting Pine Top High School, 2nd Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. And they were received.

Union Line Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Uriah Parker. Next session Stantonburg, N. C. Friday before first Saturday in October.

Sandy Ridge Association: Reported peace and love by Elder George Penn. Next session on highway 58, near Danbury, Va., third Friday, and Saturday in October.

ELDERS SENT TO STAND

Elder Bullock, Bethlehem.
Elder Huff, Piedmont.
Elder George Scales, Sandy Ridge.
Elder Hoskin, Chestnut Knob.
Elder Young, Piedmont Association.

Mt. Pleastant Association reported peace and love. Next session St. Montezuma Church, near Statesboro, Ga., by Elder Towns and they were received with a file of minutes.

Corresponding Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Perkin and they were received.

Loving Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Humphrey with a file of minutes. Next session Friday before fourth Sunday in September 1967 on highway 258 near Jacksonville, N. C., and they were received.

Long Branch Association: Reported peace, love. Next session Long Branch Church ond highway 222 near Speed, and they were received.

Piedmont Association: Reported peace, love. Next setting Rockfield Church, Ferrum, Va., by Elder Samuel Smith. Friday before fourth Sunday in September, 1967.

Chestnut Knob Association: Reported peace, love by Elder James Ross. Next session Rock Run Church, Stanley Town, Va., Friday before second Sunday Augus 1968.

Little River Association: Reported peace and love by Elder F. L. Coley. Next session Mt. Moriah Church, Smithfield, N. C., 2nd Sunday October and they were received.

Roanoke Association: Reported peace and love. Next session at association center at Whittman, Va., fourth Saturday, Sunday, July 1968. By Elder Steven.

Mt. Zion Association: Reported peace and love by Elder Wade and file of minutes. Next session at association center, Friday before first Sunday in August, 1968, and they were received.

Contentnea Association: Reported peace and love. Next setting fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, North Wayne High School, Fremont, N. C. By Elder Coley.

Motion carried all delegates be received by Moderator extending right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried finance officers retain their office. Deacon Compton, Brothers Otho Hightower, G. Harding, Travis Jackson, Herbert Lines. Treasurer, Brother E. B. Vincent, Brother Robert Harding.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder H. Alston, Elder Irvin Moore.

Words of Encouragement by Elder J. Steven, Roanoke Association; Elder James Ross, Chestnut Knob; Elder Smith, Piedmont Association; Elder Uriah Parker, Union; Elder Humphrey, Loving Association; Elder Towns, Mt. Pleasant.

Motion carried to adjourn. Closing hymn 506. Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Service opened at 7:00 p. m. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 364. Elder George Penn came forth, offered prayer. Elder James Ross of Sandy Ridge came forth, sang "I'm going to run on" and preached, no special text. Elder Humphrey came forth, preached from St. Matt. 25:1. Elder F. L. Coley came forth, hymn 617, preached from St. Matt. 18:2. Elder George Penn came forth, sang "I heard the voice of Jesus," and preached Romans 10:1. Elder E. A. Edwards came forth, preached text Jonah 2:1. Elder Warren came forth, preached text St. Matt. 25:1. Elder Uriah Parker came forth, preached, no special text. Elder W. B. Brown of Corresponding Association came forth, preached from 1 Kings 17:14. Moderator Elder C. Alston, came forth, sang hymn 73 for closing service.

Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service opened at 10:30 by Moderator, with hymn 288. Prayer by Elder Charlie Bullock. Moderator called Elder L. H. Coley to preach, text St. John 14. Elder Young from Chestnut Knob came forth, preached on the wisdom on God. Elder Stevens from Roanoke Association came forth, sang hymn 188 and preached from St. John 10:9. Elder Statton of Bethlehem Association came forth, sang hymn 530, and preached, text Acts 2. Elder J. Wade of Mt. Zion Association came forth, sang hymn 355 and preached, standpoint, The Lord has been our dwelling place. Elder John Charles, from Long Branch Association came forth and preached, standpoint, In the beginning was the Word. Elder Perkins from Corresponding Association came forth, sang hymn 353 and preached, no special text. Elder Warren Cooper, Radicue Association, came forth, sang 674 and preached, standpoint If God be God, serve Him. Elder Charlie Bullock, Bethlehem Association, came forth, sang hymn 433 and preached, no special text. Elder John Pitt from Bethlehem Association came forth, sang hymn 38, preached, text St. John 14:14. Elder E. A. Edwards, Piedmont Association,

came forth, preached text Book of Job. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 689 for closing. Dismissed by Elder John Pitt.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Moderator, Elder Cecil Alston opened service with hymn 339. Prayer by Elder Cecil Alston. Elder Reed, of Contentnea Association, came forth, sang hymn 128, and preached, text Romans. Brother Bowden, Contentnea, came forth, sang hymn 73. Elder Hubert Alston came forth, and preached, no special text. Elder Cecil Alston came forth, sang hymn 689, and gave a short selection. Deacon Willie L. Moore sang hymn 382 for closing.

Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

MONDAY MORNING FAREWELL SERMON

Service opened at 12:00 noon by Elder H. Alston with hymn 353. Prayer by Elder Hubert Alston. Elder Irvin Moore read scripture, St. John 4:1-5 and preached thereon. Elder Hubert Alston preached, no special text. Elder Hubert Alston sang hymn 631 for closing service. Dismissed by Elder Irvin Moore.

MONDAY MORNING CONFERENCE

Moderator opened service with hymn 353. Prayer by Brother E. B. Vincent. Moderator read scripture lesson, Isaiah 62:1-5.

Motion carried call for peace of conference. All in peace.

Motion carried invite visiting Brothers, Elders sit with us in our conference feel themselves at home.

Motion carried call roll of churches.

Mt. Hope Church, present; Pilgrim Rest Church, present; Moore's Grove Church, present; Living Hope Church, present.

Motion carried Circular Letter be read and it was received.

Motion carried hear report of section meetings and they were received.

Motion carried Brother George Harding write Circular Letter for 1968.

Motion caried, Pilgrim Rest Church get first section meeting. Elder Moore preach Introductory sermon. Brother E. B. Vincent altenate.

Motion carried Moore's Grove get second section meeting in

April, 1968. Elder Hubert Alston preach Introductory sermon. Brother E. B. Vincent alternat.

Motion hear Saturday proceedings, and they were received.

Motion carried Moore's Grove get next association. Elder Hubert Alston, Introductory, Elder Irvin Moore preach alternate, August 1968.

Motion carried get corresponding delegates.

Tar River Association: Elder Cecil Alston.

Radicue: Elder Hubert Alston.

Bethlehem: Elder C. Alston.

Mt. Pleasant: By letter and minutes.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Hubert Alston.

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Union Line: Elder Cecil Alston.

Motion carried to hear report of finance commitee. Reported and it was received.

Motion carried to hear report of committee on arrangements, and it was received.

Motion carried to hear report of Mt. Zion Association and it was received.

Motion carried to print 400 minutes.

Church contributed .	$134.00	Total income	$549.52
Public collection ..	165.52	Total expense ...	$418.38
Stand	200.00	New treasury	$131.14
Old Treasury	50.88		

Motion carried conference adjourn. Closing hymn 618.

Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

ELDER CECIL ALSTON, Moderator
DEACON WILLIE L. MOORE, Clerk
DEACON GEO. N. LEATH, Ass't Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,—The Lord has blessed us to meet again from East, West, North and South. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God commands us to stand fast in the liberty which Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the Word of God may have its free course in all we do. May all be done to the glory of God.

Done by order of conference.

—Brother Robert Harden

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5. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules and comes back to make a confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive such a member according to the gospel order.

6. Each church shall commune twice a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be within seven miles of each other if they can help it.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and restriction of the church.

10. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons, if they possibly can.

11. Any church belonging to Cooper's Grove Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this Association, no brother or brethren shall take it up, neither any Association with whom we correspond.

12. The members of this Association shall pay Associational dues.

13. No member shall stand in the church and give word for word.

14. The minority must submit to the majority except on fellowshipping and appointing men to office, which must be unanimous.

15. Any minister who will get drunk shall not be allowed to administer the Lord's Supper, and not be allowed to preach.

16. Any member who will go to law with any matter before bringing it before the church must not be held in the church.

17. An Elder cannot hold an office of a bishop without good report of the church in and out of the church. As long as his conduct is good he may hold the office as long as he is chosen.

18. If there is anything a woman wishes to know she must ask her husband or a brother in the church.

19. No church that has a pastor shall make any new rules in the church unless he is present, or someone appointed by him.

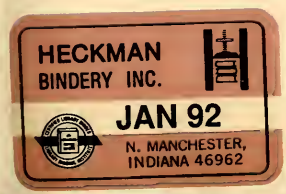
20. There shall be no new rules made in the Association or for the Association to be ruled unless the Moderator is present or someone appointed by him.

21. Washing of the saints' feet at all communions.

22. Any member or minister sowing discord among brethren falls into the hands of his church, and is liable to be excluded.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Pilgrim Rest— Elder C. Alston	W. L. Moore	Deacon C. Compton, Deacon Leath	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	28	$69.00
Mt. Hope— Elder C. Alston	W. L. Moore	Deacon W. L. Moore	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	3	11.00
Moore's Grove— Elder C. Alston	Robert Hardin	Robert Hardin, George Hardin	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	39.00
Living Hope— Elder C. Alston	Otha Hightower	O. Hightower	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	15.00
Coopers Grove— Elder Irvin Moore	W. L. Moore	Mission Point	4								134.00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